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1. THE DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT THE ALLIES CAN BE FLEXIBLE
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CONCERNING THE PRECISE PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULATES IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN BY EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN THIS PROCESS IS RELATIVELY RECENT AND ESSENTIALLY TANGENTIAL. ACCORDINGLY THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE THREE EMBASSIES CAN ACCEPT THE ROMANIAN NOTES AS ORIGINALLY DELIVERED IF THE FRG CONCURS. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH A TWO STEP PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH THE COMMANDANTS WOULD FIRST AUTHORIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSULATE AND SUBSEQUENTLY AGREE TO THE ACCREDITATION OF THE CONSUL. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE, IF THE FRG DESIRES, TO INCLUDE IN THE RESPONSE TO THE ROMANIANS AN INDICATION THAT THE FRG HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE ROMANIAN REQUEST.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE NOTES RECEIVED IN BUDAPEST AND SOFIA (BUDAPEST 2397 AND SOFIA 645) WE WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN CONSULATES IN THE WESTERN SECTORS. SINCE NEITHER COUNTRY YET HAS AN EMBASSY IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONSIDER THE DELIVERY OF NOTES TO THE ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BUDAPEST AND SOFIA AS EQUIVALENT TO DELIVERY IN BONN ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE EMBASSIES IN SOFIA AND BUDAPEST WOULD FORWARD THE NOTES FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BONN AND FROM BONN THEY WOULD BE SENT TO BERLIN. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE OPENING OF THE ROMANIAN CONSULATE HAS BEEN RELATED IN ROMANIAN/ FRG NEGOTIATIONS TO ROMANIAN CONCURRENCE IN THE FRG' S REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLINERS IN ROMANIA. CONCEIVABLY A SIMILAR SITUATION COULD ARISE WITH REGARD TO HUNGARY AND BULGARIA. IF THE FRG IS OF THIS VIEW WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR EMBASSY BUDAPEST AND EMBASSY SOFIA TO INFORM THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS IN A REPLY NOTE THAT WE CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE FRG TO FORWARD A NOTE CONCERNING THE OEPNING OF A CONSULATE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS TO THE ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BONN. ROGERS

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